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1. During Apr and May 1953 railroad management in the Baltic states was reorganized. Until this date each of the Baltic states had its own railroad management, which was directly under the Soviet Ministry of Transport. Under the reorganization a "Baltic Railroad Management" was set up, covering Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.
2. The Baltic Railroad Management is under the Soviet Ministry of Transport and is predominantly military in character. The military head of the office is Maj. Gen. I. S. Shmuel of the technical department of the Leningrad Military Zone. His official title is "Military Head of the Northwest Railroads."
3. The director of the Estonian railroad net is the Russian Alexei Vermolaievitch Kotov, born in Smolensk in 1910. Kotov completed his studies in the Railroad Institute in Leningrad in 1935. He bears the title of an Engineer and Colonel of the Railroad Transport Body.
4. After the reorganization all railroad men received the following instructions with regard to their relations to the military authorities:
 - (a) All railroad workers and administrators, regardless of age or sex, are to regard themselves as mobilized personnel in the service of the railroad.

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- (b) Failures in performance will be treated as with military personnel on active service.
- (c) All crimes in connection with transport service will be tried before a military railroad court under military law.
- (d) The military railroad courts are authorized to punish railroad personnel by placing them in punishment battalions in order to offer the possibility of rehabilitation.

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